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Amendments to the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 33, 39-61, and 81 without prejudice. Kindly amend claim 79. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients of a confection in a cup, the cup comprising a cup body having an open top, the cup body defining a cup recess, the open top providing access to the cup recess, and a bottom wall opposite the open top closing an end of the cup body, the confection cup assembly comprising:

a collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the cup open top and into the cup recess; and

a sleeve comprising a sleeve body having an open top, the sleeve body defining a sleeve recess and the sleeve open top providing access to the sleeve recess, the sleeve being sized to slidably receive the cup;

a portion of the sleeve overlapping a portion of the collar insert portion when the cup is inserted into the sleeve and the collar is inserted into the cup to compress the cup therebetween and frictionally retain the cup therebetween.

2. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 1, wherein the cup exterior profile and the sleeve recess interior profile are complementary at least along a portion of the cup extending into the sleeve recess.

3. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sleeve further comprises a bottom wall closing the sleeve opposite the open top.

4. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 3, wherein the bottom wall comprises at least one air passage extending therethrough.

5. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 4, wherein the sleeve upper surface and the cup lower surface are in abutting relationship.

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6. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sleeve body tapers in a direction away from the open top.
7. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 1, wherein the collar further comprises an extension portion extending above the open top of the cup.
8. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 7, wherein the junction of the extension portion and the insert portion forms a shoulder that abuts the open top to limit the insertion of the collar into the cup.
9. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 1, and further comprises a friction enhancer provided on at least one of the collar and sleeve.
10. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 9, wherein the friction enhancer is provided on the insert portion of the collar.
11. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 9, wherein the friction enhancer is provided on the overlap portion of at least one of the collar and the sleeve.
12. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 11, wherein the friction enhancer comprises a frictional material.
13. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 12, wherein the frictional material is rubber.
14. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 11, wherein the friction enhancer comprises at least one protrusion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of the insert portion.
15. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 14, wherein the protrusion is an annular rib.

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16. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 14, wherein the protrusion is an embossment.

17. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 9, wherein the friction enhancer is a longitudinal rib extending away from an interior surface of the sleeve.

18. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sleeve body comprises at least one longitudinal slot extending therethrough to permit the sleeve body to be deflected toward the cup and thereby apply a compressive force to the cup to frictionally restrain the cup from movement relative to the sleeve body.

19. (Original) A confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection in a cup, the cup comprising a cup body having an open top, the cup body defining a cup recess, the cup open top providing access to the cup recess, and a bottom wall closing the cup opposite the cup open top, the confection cup assembly comprising:

a collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the cup open top and into the cup recess; and

a sleeve comprising a sleeve body, an open top, and a bottom wall closing the sleeve opposite the open top, the sleeve body defining a sleeve recess, the sleeve open top providing access to the sleeve recess, the sleeve being sized to slidably receive the cup such that at least a portion of the sleeve bottom wall is in abutting relationship with at least a portion of the cup bottom wall.

20. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 19, wherein a portion of the sleeve body overlaps a portion of the collar insert portion to compress the cup therebetween and frictionally retain a portion of the cup along the overlap portion.

21. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 19, wherein the cup exterior surface and the sleeve recess interior surface are in abutting relationship along at least a portion of the cup extending into the sleeve recess.

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22. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 19, wherein the bottom wall comprises at least one air passage extending therethrough.
23. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 19, wherein the sleeve body tapers in a direction away from the open top.
24. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 19, wherein the collar further comprises an extension portion extending above the open top of the cup.
25. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 24, wherein the junction of the extension portion and the insert portion forms a shoulder adapted to abut the cup open top to limit the insertion of the collar into the cup.
26. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 19, further comprising a friction enhancer provided on at least one of the collar and sleeve.
27. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 26, wherein the friction enhancer is provided on the insert portion of the collar.
28. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 26, wherein the friction enhancer is provided on the overlap portion of at least one of the collar and the sleeve.
29. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 26, wherein the friction enhancer comprises a frictional material.
30. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 26, wherein the friction enhancer comprises at least one protrusion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of the insert portion or an interior surface of the sleeve.
31. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 19, wherein the sleeve body comprises at least one longitudinal slot extending therethrough to permit the sleeve body to be deflected toward the cup and thereby apply a compressive force to the cup to frictionally restrain the cup from movement relative to the sleeve body.

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32. (Original) A confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection, the confection cup assembly comprising:

a cup comprising a cup body having an open top, the cup body defining a cup recess, the cup open top providing access to the cup recess, and a bottom wall closing the cup opposite the cup open top;

a collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the cup open top and into the cup recess; and

a sleeve comprising a sleeve body having an open top, the sleeve body defining a sleeve recess and the sleeve open top providing access to the sleeve recess, the sleeve being sized to slidably receive the cup;

a portion of the sleeve overlapping a portion of the collar insert portion when the cup is inserted into the sleeve and the collar is inserted into the cup to compress the cup therebetween and frictionally the cup therebetween.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 32, and further comprises a friction enhancer provided on at least one of the collar and sleeve.

35. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 34, wherein the friction enhancer is provided on the insert portion of the collar.

36. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 34, wherein the friction enhancer is provided on the overlap portion of at least one of the collar and the sleeve.

37. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 34, wherein the friction enhancer comprises a frictional material.

38. (Original) The confection cup assembly according to claim 34, wherein the friction enhancer comprises at least one protrusion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of the insert portion or an interior surface of the sleeve.

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39-61. (Cancelled)

62. (Previously Presented) A confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection in a cup, the cup comprising a cup body having an open top, the cup body defining a cup recess, the cup open top providing access to the cup recess, and a bottom wall closing the cup opposite the cup open top, the confection cup assembly comprising:

a sleeve comprising a sleeve body, an open top, and a bottom wall closing the sleeve opposite the open top, the sleeve body defining a sleeve recess, the sleeve open top providing access to the sleeve recess, and at least one longitudinal slot extending through the peripheral wall to permit the sleeve body to be deflected into the sleeve recess and thereby permit the application of a compressive force to the cup when the cup is received within the sleeve recess to frictionally restrain the cup from movement relative to the sleeve body;

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a collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the sleeve open top and into the cup recess when a cup is received within the sleeve; and

a portion of the sleeve overlapping a portion of the collar insert portion when the collar is inserted within the cup when a cup is received within the sleeve to compress the cup between the overlapping portion of the sleeve and collar and frictionally retain the cup therebetween.

63. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 62, and further comprises a friction enhancer provided on at least one of the collar and sleeve.

64. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 63, wherein the friction enhancer comprises a frictional material.

65. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 63, wherein the friction enhancer comprises at least one protrusion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of the insert portion.

66. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 62, wherein the collar further comprises an extension portion extending above the open top of the sleeve when the collar is inserted in the sleeve.

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67. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 66, wherein the junction of the extension portion and the insert portion forms a shoulder that abuts the open top to limit the insertion of the collar into the sleeve.

68. (Previously Presented) A confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection, the confection cup assembly comprising:

a cup comprising a cup body having an open top, the cup body defining a cup recess, the cup open top providing access to the cup recess, and a bottom wall closing the cup opposite the cup open top;

a collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the cup open top and into the cup recess; and

E1 a sleeve comprising a sleeve body having an open top, the sleeve body defining a sleeve recess and the sleeve open top providing access to the sleeve recess, the sleeve being sized to slidably receive the cup, and at least one longitudinal slot extending through the peripheral wall to permit the sleeve body to be deflected into the sleeve recess and thereby permit the application of a compressive force to the cup to frictionally restrain the cup from movement relative to the sleeve body; and

a portion of the sleeve overlaps a portion of the collar insert portion when the cup is inserted into the sleeve and the collar is inserted into the cup to compress the cup therebetween and frictionally the cup therebetween.

69. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 68, wherein the cup exterior profile and the sleeve recess interior profile are complementary at least along a portion of the cup extending into the sleeve recess.

70. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 69, and further comprises a friction enhancer provided on at least one of the collar and sleeve.

71. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 70, wherein the friction enhancer comprises a frictional material.

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72. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 71, wherein the friction enhancer comprises at least one protrusion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of the insert portion.

73. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 68, wherein the collar further comprises an extension portion extending above the open top of the cup when the sleeve is received within the cup.

74. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 73, wherein the junction of the extension portion and the insert portion forms a shoulder that abuts the open top to limit the insertion of the collar into the cup.

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75. (Previously Presented) A confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection in a cup, the cup comprising a cup body having an open top, the cup body defining a cup recess, the cup open top providing access to the cup recess, and a bottom wall closing the cup opposite the cup open top, the confection cup assembly comprising:

a collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the cup open top and into the cup recess; and

a sleeve comprising a sleeve body, an open top, and a bottom wall closing the sleeve opposite the open top, the sleeve body defining a sleeve recess, the sleeve open top providing access to the sleeve recess, at least one longitudinal slot extending through the peripheral wall to permit the sleeve body to be deflected into the sleeve recess and thereby permit the application of a compressive force to the cup when the cup is received within the sleeve recess to frictionally restrain the cup from movement relative to the sleeve body, and the sleeve being sized to slidably receive the cup such that at least a portion of the sleeve bottom wall is in abutting relationship with at least a portion of the cup bottom wall when the cup is received within the sleeve recess.

76. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 75, and further comprises a friction enhancer provided on at least one of the collar and sleeve.

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77. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 76, wherein the friction enhancer comprises a frictional material.

78. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 76, wherein the friction enhancer comprises at least one protrusion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of the insert portion.

EL 79. (Currently Amended) The confection cup assembly according to claim ~~81~~75, wherein the collar further comprises an extension portion extending above the open top of the sleeve when the cup is received within the sleeve.

80. (Previously Presented) The confection cup assembly according to claim 79, wherein the junction of the extension portion and the insert portion forms a shoulder that abuts the open top to limit the insertion of the collar into the sleeve when the cup is received within the sleeve.

81. (Cancelled)
